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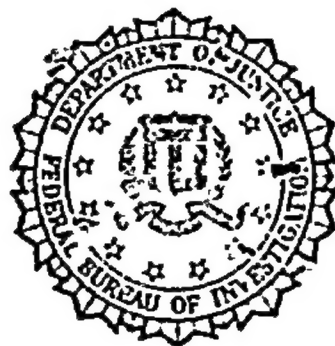
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. (IS) 100-442529

April 28, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS

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DECLASSIFIED BY SP-2 ALM/JTG
ON 12-1-00

A technical surveillance was instituted on the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 8, 1963. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is a racial-type organization headed by Martin Luther King, Jr.

This technical surveillance has provided considerable valuable intelligence information concerning communist influence on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference through King, as well as the communist influence evident in the outspoken position which King has taken in opposition to the United States foreign policy concerning Vietnam. Some examples include the following:

Information has been furnished relating to contacts between King and individuals with communist backgrounds such as Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel, Bayard Rustin, Clarence Jones and Randolph T. Blackwell. This information indicates the extent of the influence being exerted on King by these individuals with present and former communist backgrounds. Information thus obtained reveals the part these individuals play in important policy-making decisions of King relative to his organization; assistance which they render King in his writings and speeches concerning racial matters; and the advice and counsel they give King in his declarations concerning United States foreign policy.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 2-6-64

FROM : C. A. Evans

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SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum of 2-5-64 in which he reported a conversation he had had with Ed Guthman of the Department concerning letters to members of Congress dealing with Martin Luther King. In this connection the Director has inquired as to my activities with regard to clearance of such communications.

The only letter which I had anything to do with clearing was one from the Attorney General to Senator Richard B. Russell dated 11-1-63. The circumstances surrounding this are as follows: Shortly after noon on 11-1-63 Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Marshall furnished to me the Department's file of correspondence with Senator Russell concerning the association of King with Hunter Pitts O'Dell. A proposed letter to Senator Russell for the Attorney General's (AG) signature dated 11-1-63 was attached. Marshall said he and the AG had discussed the proposed letter with the President. Marshall asked us to consider the language in the proposed letter to Senator Russell to determine if it would jeopardize our informant or otherwise interfere with our investigation of communist matters.

Since time was of the essence I took the proposed letter to Mr. Belmont's office and discussed it with him. We concluded that there were definite objections to the letter as it was written as it specifically referred to sensitive sources available to the FBI. A memorandum was prepared recommending changes in the letter. (This memorandum is attached.)

After the Director's approval had been secured, Marshall was recontacted and the undesirable language discussed with him. He said he could see our point but since the letter had been discussed with the President he thought we should go up together to

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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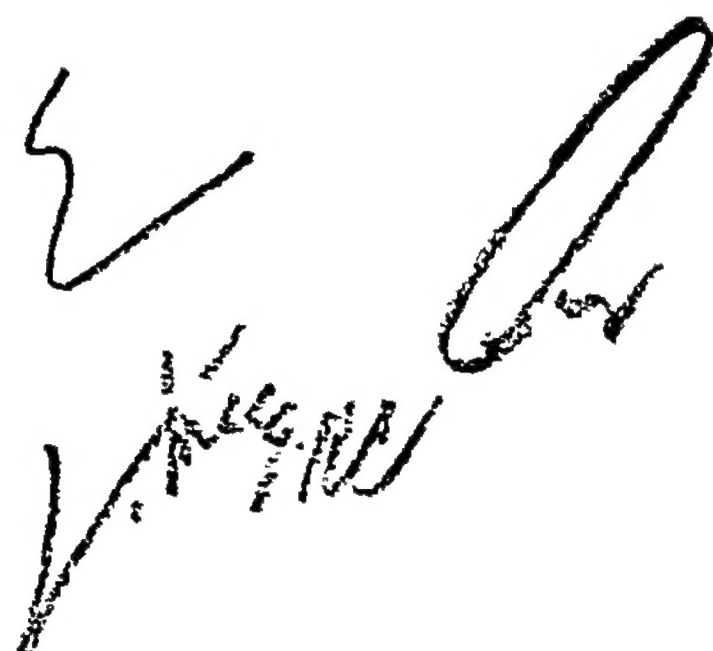
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

see the AG about it. We did this. After the AG read the letter as changed he said he was not certain it would accomplish its purpose. He called the President and told him what had happened. Marshall and the AG tried to redraft a letter which would be in line with our observations. Each draft after written was discussed with the President telephonically by the AG and none of the drafts were satisfactory to the President. He thereafter decided that an innocuous letter saying nothing of substance should be sent to Senator Russell which letter should be delivered by AAG Marshall and me. At the time the letter was delivered the Senator was to be furnished orally by Marshall with detailed information as to Martin Luther King's activities. I was merely to assure the Senator as to the sensitive position of our informant and the fact that information from this informant of a continuing nature was vital to the country's welfare. After the AG had left the city Deputy AG Katzenbach was substituted for Burke Marshall as Katzenbach knew the Senator. An appointment to see the Senator was made for 5:00 p.m., 11-1-63. At this meeting Katzenbach furnished the Senator with information concerning King and his communist connections. It was unnecessary for me to say anything at this conference other than to confirm Katzenbach's statement about the sensitiveness of our source. The Senator indicated satisfaction with the explanation given to him by Katzenbach and said that he did not intend to make any speech on the floor of the Senate about this.

On my return to the Bureau that afternoon I prepared a memorandum on this contact which is attached.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly "J. Edgar Hoover", is written over the signature "J. Edgar Hoover".

February 5, 1964

MR. MOHR:

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RE: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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The Atlanta Division has received information indicating that a reporter by the name of Cleghorn, who writes for the Atlanta Journal and also is a free-lancer for the Saturday Evening Post, is doing an article for the Saturday Evening Post on Dr. Martin Luther King. A memorandum, from Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont dated February 4, 1964, reflected this fact inasmuch as the Atlanta Division had written in to tip off the Bureau that Cleghorn might be in contact with FBI Headquarters. Cleghorn apparently has information concerning King's association not only with Hunter Pitts O'Dell but additionally with Stanley Levinson.

Guthman came over to see me February 4, 1964, at 4 PM. He stated that he had been tipped off by Schanke (phonetic) of the Saturday Evening Post that Cleghorn was preparing an article on Dr. Martin Luther King and that the article would expose King's connections with the Communist Party. Guthman stated he was quite concerned inasmuch as it appeared there had been a leak from the FBI in connection with this matter. He told me that the Attorney General had been most hopeful that there would be no "leaks" concerning King. Guthman quickly added that he and the Attorney General, of course, knew that King was no good and that King actually did have communistic connections as well as the fact that King was morally bad. In a very apologetic tone of voice, Guthman added that the Attorney General's record concerning King was perfectly clean and that no exposure of King could have any reaction whatsoever against the Attorney General.

I told Guthman he had raised several points that should be straightened out. I mentioned that there had been no leaks from the FBI concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, however, Congressmen had made speeches concerning King's background and there had been a number of articles in newspapers. I mentioned that the Attorney General's connections with King were none of our business, however, I could understand why Guthman might be somewhat perturbed inasmuch as the Attorney General had made public statements before the Congress which indicated King had no communistic connections.

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Guthman stated that he wanted to repeat once again that an exposure of King would not hurt the Attorney General in any way. He stated his only interest, and the Attorney General's only interest, in keeping information concerning King out of the newspapers, was because both he and the Attorney General felt that FBI sources might be unduly exposed. I made no comment to this, however, certainly did not believe Guthman.

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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Informal Memo to Mr. Mohr
Re: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Guthman told me he had no proof whatsoever that the FBI had furnished information to the newspapers concerning King. He stated that obviously the Department had not leaked any information inasmuch as (only four individuals in the Department, the Attorney General, Katzenbach, Assistant Attorney General Miller and Guthman, were the only ones who knew of King's connections with Stanley Levinson. I told Guthman that Burke Marshall undoubtedly knew of such connections inasmuch as I believe he had talked to King. Guthman admitted this was true.

From the tone of Guthman's entire remarks, it would appear he had two thoughts in mind without actually stating such thoughts. These thoughts were (1) that the Attorney General is most anxious that information concerning King not be released; and (2) that the Attorney General's connections with King, and his defensive statements concerning King to the Congress in Civil Rights hearings, could certainly injure the Attorney General's political chances for the future.

I made it a point to tell Guthman before he left that the Department was, of course, very close to the Saturday Evening Post, particularly in view of the deliberate leaks of information to the Saturday Evening Post on the Cassini and Valachi matters. I told Guthman that if the Saturday Evening Post had obtained information concerning King, it would appear that they might have received such information from the same sources where they had gotten their previous facts. Guthman reacted to this quite anxiously and stated all this may be true, however, under no circumstances would they give any publication the facts concerning King. In a very hurt tone of voice, he told me once again the Attorney General was not worried about what an exposure of King could do to him. He stated he and the Attorney General are only trying to protect FBI sources of information.

There has never been such solicitude in the past - K

Following my conversation with the Director at approximately 10 AM this morning, after the Director had talked with the Attorney General, I called Guthman and told him he apparently had misquoted my conversation with him of last night. I asked Guthman if he had told the Attorney General, in quoting me, that I had been "quite concerned about a letter the Attorney General had written in which he defended Martin Luther King." I told Guthman I had not mentioned any letter in my conversation with him. Guthman replied that the Attorney General had gotten all mixed up in his conversation with the Director. Guthman admitted I made no reference to any letter. He also admitted I had not indicated that I was "quite concerned" in referring to the Attorney General. Guthman explained the basis of the Attorney General's call to the Director by stating that he and Burke Marshall had gone over to see the Attorney General and while in his office had mentioned the information which apparently has been accumulated by the Atlanta, Georgia, reporter. In explaining to the Attorney General, Guthman stated he told the Attorney General he had discussed this matter with me last night and that from the tone of my remarks, Guthman understood that (1) any exposure of King might possibly jeopardize FBI sources; and (2) any exposure of King might react publicly against the Attorney General inasmuch as the Attorney General

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Re: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2/5/64

had defended King before the Congress. I told Guthman my remarks to him had not meant to imply any potential embarrassment whatsoever to the Attorney General and that I had brought the Attorney General's name into the conversation only because of the many newspaper articles which had been written quoting the Attorney General and his defense of King. Guthman stated that the Attorney General was very fond of me, and that he and the Attorney General, though they would not be around much longer, felt their relations with my office had been of the closest nature. He stated the Attorney General did not under any circumstances believe that my remarks had implied possible potential embarrassment but the Attorney General had called the Director merely to keep the record straight.

Guthman referred once again to the so-called "letter" the Attorney General had written concerning King. He admitted once again this matter did not come up in our conversation last night. He stated there had been a letter, however, as a result of the Attorney General's appearance before the Magnuson Committee in the Senate. This occurred at the time of the Attorney General's appearance concerning Civil Rights legislation. Senator Monroney had questioned the Attorney General as to King's communistic connections, according to Guthman. The Attorney General promised to write Senator Monroney a letter. Guthman stated that such a letter had been prepared and had been couched in a very careful language. He mentioned that the letter had been cleared by Assistant Director Evans and had then been delivered to Senator Monroney. He stated that following delivery of this letter, either Katzenbach or Burke Marshall, along with Mr. Evans, had orally briefed Senators Russell and Monroney regarding King's communistic connections.

FACTS FROM BUFILES:

I want to know more about Evans activities in this matter.
Senators Monroney and Magnuson wrote the Director in early July, 1963, inquiring about the current racial agitation and allegations that King and other civil rights leaders had subversive affiliations. The letter from Senator Monroney was referred to the Attorney General on July 17, 1963, with the Senator being so advised on the same date. In the communication to the Attorney General, a summary of the communist association of King was set forth, including the influence which Stanley Levinson, Communist Party member, had with King and Levinson's alleged statement that ("King is a whole-hearted Marxist...") On July 18, 1963, the letter from Senator Magnuson was referred to the Attorney General along with a similar letter from Congressman Jeffrey Cohelan. *Senator Cohelan's letter to the Attorney General - 7/18/63*

No record was located in Bureau files to indicate that the Attorney General or anyone in the Department contacted us regarding what information should be supplied to the Senators and Congressman relative to King. Mr. Evans has declared that he most certainly did not clear any letter written to the Senators or the Congressman on this topic.

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Re: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2/5/64

On July 26, 1963, newspapers throughout the country reported that Senator Monroney had released the contents of a letter to him from Attorney General Kennedy stating there is "no evidence" that King or any of the other top leaders of the civil rights groups is a communist or communist controlled. The letter revealed the Attorney General based his statement "on all available information from the FBI and other sources." This letter was dated July 23, 1963. A similar letter apparently also was sent to Senator Magnuson.

On July 27, 1963, Senator Russell of Georgia wrote the Director inquiring about much the same matter. This letter also was referred to the Attorney General under date of July 31, 1963. On November 1, 1963, Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall contacted Mr. Belmont's Office relative to the letter from Senator Russell and a subsequent letter from the Senator to the Attorney General vigorously complaining about not having received an answer to the earlier communication. A proposed reply to Senator Russell over the Attorney General's signature was provided and Mr. Belmont expressed objections to the wording, particularly since it would jeopardize a most sensitive source. Mr. Evans conferred with the Attorney General and Mr. Marshall later on 11-1-63 and it was determined that the draft of the letter to Russell had been approved by the President. The draft was rephrased three times and each draft was rejected by the President who finally instructed that an innocuous communication be sent to the Senator and delivered personally by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Evans with Mr. Marshall to orally brief the Senator. Subsequently on 11-1-63, Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach and Mr. Evans delivered the communication to Senator Russell and Mr. Katzenbach briefed him about King. Mr. Evans merely verified that a sensitive source was involved.

An interesting parallel to the situation occurred on August 1, 1963, when the Attorney General gave Mr. Evans a report submitted by our New York Office on July 22, 1963, on King asking that it be resubmitted to him with a cover memorandum detailing exact evidence to support a statement contained therein to the effect that King had been "described as a confirmed Marxist-Leninist as of June, 1963." He told Mr. Evans that if this report got up to the Hill at this time he would be impeached. He stated Assistant Attorney General Marshall had reviewed the entire report and stated there was nothing new concerning King's alleged communist sympathies and that it

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was the timing of the report and its possible misuse which concerned him. The statement the Attorney General objected to previously had been furnished to him on several occasions including the letter to him on July 17, 1963, forwarding to him the letter from Senator Monroney. The Attorney General was advised by memorandum of August 2, 1963, that "the description of King was made by Stanley Levinson first in 1962 and again in 1963."

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 7, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans

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Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall was contacted last evening on his return from the Hill and again informed that the decision as to whether he is to see Martin Luther King again to warn him about communist efforts is one for Marshall to make. It was further pointed out that any detailing of specifics as to meetings might well endanger our confidential sources, but if he felt he had to name one definite meeting he could refer to the one at the airport in New York. Marshall said he recalled this one generally and asked about the specifics. He was told that this was contained in a memorandum sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for him, dated November 26, 1963.

Marshall said that he still hadn't made up his mind as to whether or not to see King. He noted he had warned him before, which admonition King had obviously ignored, so Marshall didn't know if any further warning would be effective. He said if he decided to see King he would, of course, advise us as to the results of the meeting.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 5, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION
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Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division telephoned. He said he had two matters he wanted to discuss.

The first of these concerns a scheduled visit to the Department of Justice this week of Reese Cleghorn, a free-lance writer who has written one article on Martin Luther King for the "Saturday Evening Post" and who has been authorized by this magazine to write another article, also on King. Marshall was aware of the fact that Cleghorn allegedly has information concerning King's association with Stanley David Levison, a secret member of the Communist Party. Marshall indicated that he did not intend to furnish Cleghorn with any information about Martin Luther King's alleged communist connections but that if he developed anything at all with regard to Cleghorn's source of information, he would pass this along to us for our information. (According to information developed by our Atlanta Office on February 4, 1964, Cleghorn had in his possession what appeared to be a blind memorandum containing information as to Levison's Communist Party connections.)

The second matter which Marshall discussed related to Marshall's previous warning to King to avoid any connection with the communist element and particularly the need to avoid any relationship with Levison. Marshall said King has obviously ignored this admonition. He is currently considering whether he should warn King again because of the reports furnished to him by the Bureau showing a continued relationship between King and Levison. In considering this matter, Marshall observed that he had told King once, and if King were going to go ahead and make a fool of himself Marshall didn't know that the Department of Justice should try and prevent it. On the other side, he pointed out that King is obviously headed for trouble and this could seriously affect the Negro movement directed at securing legitimate civil rights.

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Marshall recognized that the decision as to whether to talk to King again is rightfully one for him to make personally. He asked for advice, however, as to whether, if he decided to go ahead and talk to King, this would endanger our operations in any way, he having noted that much of the information in our reports originated with highly confidential sources. Marshall was informed that we would certainly consider his request and be in touch with him. //

In the absence of Assistant Director Sullivan, this matter was discussed with Inspector Sizoo. It was noted that there is a limited amount of information concerning King's association with Levison which did not originate from technical sources. For example, King met under clandestine circumstances with Levison at the airport in New York. This could have been observed by any number of people. On the other hand, much of our information as to the relationship between King and Levison originates from technical sources. This has been disseminated to the Department with the exception of the information developed concerning King's sex activities.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Marshall should be told that a decision as to whether he is to see Martin Luther King again is one for him to make. It should be pointed out to him, however, that any detailing of specifics as to meetings might well endanger our confidential sources. However, if Marshall feels he has to name one definite meeting, he can refer to the one at the airport at New York.

If approved, Marshall will be informed in line with the above.

I concur. We must be very careful re anything we say about King in view of the conversations the A.G. had with me yesterday. Antagonists' conversations with DeLoach. It is all too apparent they Dept. is trying to "pass the buck" to us as to leaks. It is too much to expect they have had with King & the press. A

RE - HOUSTUDY 62-116464-

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 20, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: HUNTER PITTS O'DELL
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Today the Attorney General asked if we would continue to keep him closely informed of information received relative to O'Dell's contact with Martin Luther King. He had specific reference to our letter of August 2, 1963.

It appears that the Attorney General is receiving conflicting advice within the Department proper as to whether there is sufficient evidence of a continuing contact between King and O'Dell to justify some action. The Civil Rights Division has expressed the thought that nothing need be done by the Department. On the other hand, Andrew Oehmann, the Attorney General's Executive Assistant, has counseled him that in his judgment there is ample evidence there is a continuing relationship which Martin Luther King is trying to conceal.

ACTION:

We have going over to the Attorney General today a memorandum bringing him up to date in this matter. We will continue to prepare such memoranda to the Attorney General as additional information is developed.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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N.Y. office alerted
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TO : Mr. Belmont *WBS*

DATE: September 20, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*SUBJECT: HUNTER PITTS O'DELL;
STANLEY LEVISON;
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
THE NEGRO MOVEMENT

Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall telephoned and advised that on instructions of the Attorney General he wanted to clear with us the rough draft of a memorandum which he was going to send to the Bureau. As a matter of fact, the Attorney General has approved the rough draft contingent upon our approval.

The proposed memorandum, a copy of which is attached, relates to Hunter Pitts O'Dell and Stanley Levison and action taken to advise Dr. Martin Luther King and his immediate associates of the communist activities on the part of O'Dell and Levison. Marshall states that some time ago it was not felt wise, in view of the position of the FBI informant, for Marshall to say that he knew O'Dell to be under communist control. Instead, he informed Dr. King and two of his immediate associates that O'Dell was believed by many people to have had communist connections and his association with Dr. King's organization was not in its best interest.

Subsequently, on June 22, 1963, according to Marshall's proposed memorandum, he brought this matter very explicitly to Dr. King's attention. Later that same date, both the Attorney General and the President, separately, strongly urged Dr. King that there should be no further connection between O'Dell and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Thereafter, the Attorney General and Marshall received copies of a letter dated July 3, 1963, from Dr. King to O'Dell. In this letter King makes reference to a resignation which O'Dell submitted some months ago which was accepted because of the SCLC's firm policy that no communist or communist sympathizer would be on the staff. Dr. King's letter continues by noting an investigation

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen *244*
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- 1 - Mr. Bland

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

had been conducted but they were unable to discover any present connections with the Communist Party by O'Dell.

King further tells O'Dell that the situation is such that the organization cannot even afford the risk of impressions about communist inspiration and therefore O'Dell's temporary resignation is being made permanent.

Mr. Marshall's proposed memorandum also advises that he informed Dr. King on June 22, 1963, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party. This action was taken on direction of the Attorney General and the President. Marshall had previously warned Dr. King about any association with Levison. This was the first indication given him of firm information Levison was under communist control.

As a matter of background, our early information concerning the communist connections involved here came from one of our two most highly placed communist informants (NY694-S*). To protect this most valuable informant we insisted Levison and O'Dell not be informed by King we had positive information of their communist connections.

Subsequently, with the passage of time so that the risk to the informant was not jeopardized, the Director in a personal conversation with the Attorney General on June 17, 1963, agreed Dr. Martin Luther King could be informed that he should get rid of Levison and O'Dell because they are members of the Communist Party. It was on the basis of this advice from the Director that action was taken by the Attorney General and the President.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

While Mr. Marshall's proposed memorandum does not spell out the sequence of events here in detail, his summary is nevertheless accurate and it is therefore believed we should inform Mr. Marshall that he should feel free, of course, to submit the memorandum as he drafted it. If approved, Mr. Marshall will be so advised telephonically.

From

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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For the attention of Burke Marshall

I think this is fine, but before we send it, I
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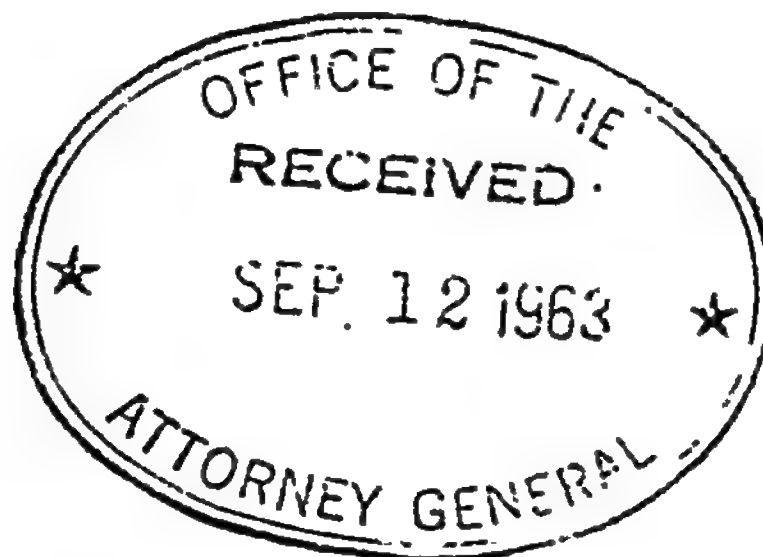
MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attached is a draft memorandum on Hunter Pitts O'Dell and the most recent documents. It could be expanded in detail but contains the essentials. I did not refer to the warning Harris Wofford gave to Dr. King at our suggestion in 1961 while Harris was at the White House because I do not know exactly what was said to King.

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DRAFT - 9/12/63

TO: J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Hunter Pitts O'Dell

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This relates to your letterhead memorandum of September 5 to the Attorney General, relating to Hunter Pitts O'Dell and the related prior memorandum. I appreciate your having sent copies of these to me.

This matter had been brought to the attention of Dr. King some time ago by me, but in accordance with conversations which the Attorney General had with Courtney Evans, it was not felt to be wise in view of the sources of the Bureau's information to state that I knew O'Dell to be under Communist control at any time. I did inform Dr. King and two members of his organization -- Reverend Andrew Young and Reverend Wyatt Walker -- some time ago -- that since O'Dell was believed by many people to have had Communist connections, his association with their organization was not in the best interests of the organization.

At that time, inconclusive steps were taken to remove O'Dell, and his job with the Southern Christian

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Leadership Conference was changed. In response to direct questions whether I had hard evidence of O'Dell's Communist connections, however, I replied that I was not in a position to give any.

Following further conversations with Mr. Evans in June, however, I brought the matter to the attention of Dr. King very explicitly in my office on the morning of June 22 prior to a scheduled meeting which Dr. King had with the President. This was done at the direction of the Attorney General. Later that morning both the Attorney General and the President separately strongly urged Dr. King that there should be no further connection between O'Dell and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Dr. King stated that the connection would be ended. Thereafter, the Attorney General and I both received copies of the attached letter, dated July 3, 1963, from Dr. King to O'Dell.

On the same occasion, I also informed Dr. King that our information was that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party. This was also done after conversations with Mr. Evans prior to the meeting with Dr. King, and was done at the direction of the Attorney

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General and the President. Prior to that time, again based upon talks between the Attorney General and Mr. Evans at which I was present, it had been decided that it was not in the best interest of the United States to inform Dr. King that we had any firm information that Levison was under Communist control. I had, however, on a previous occasion, warned Dr. King about any association with Levison, basing the warning upon doubts about Levison's loyalty to the United States.

I thought you should have this additional information for your file.

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The Attorney General

September 5, 1963

Director, FBI

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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In my letter dated August 29, 1963, information was set forth regarding Hunter Pitts O'Dell's possible association with the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and information regarding Reverend King's statement indicating O'Dell, as of June 26, 1963, was no longer on Reverend King's staff.

On August 30, 1962, at 7:25 P.M., O'Dell was observed by Special Agents of this Bureau entering the building located at 312 West 125th Street, New York, New York. O'Dell remained in the building in excess of one hour. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference occupies one of the several offices which are located in that building.

We will continue to furnish you any pertinent information developed regarding this matter.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

① - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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Dr. King
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., President

Wyatt Tee Walker, Executive Director

July 3, 1963

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Attorney General Robert Kennedy
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

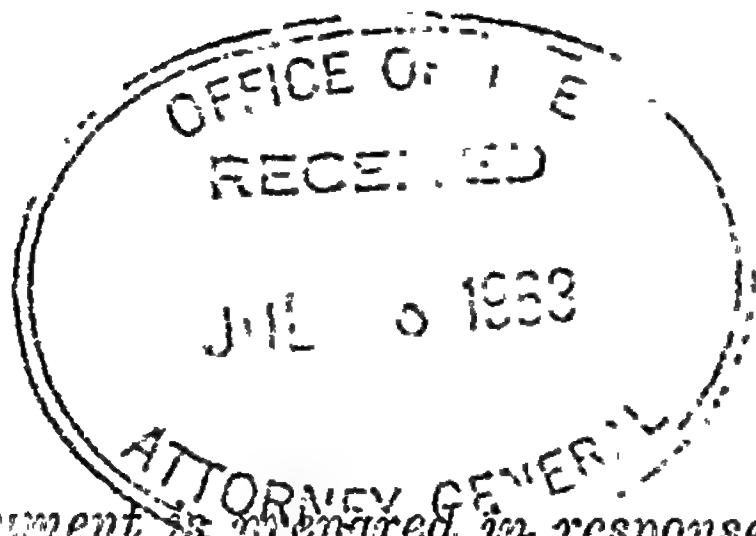
Dr. King asked me to send you the enclosed copy of
a letter which he has just sent to Mr. Jack O'Dell.

Sincerely yours,

Don McDonald

(Miss) D. McDonald
Secretary

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July 3, 1963

①
Mr. Jack H. O'Dell
488 St. Nicholas Avenue
Apartment 5-S
New York, New York

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DATE 12-5-00 BY SP-2 JLM/12/06

Dear Jack:

Several months ago you submitted your resignation pending an investigation of your alleged affiliation with the Communist party, as was suggested by an article to this effect in the Birmingham and New Orleans newspapers. We accepted this temporary resignation because of SCLC's firm policy that no Communist nor Communist sympathizer can be on our staff or in our membership. We felt that it was imperative to conduct an immediate investigation. As you know, we conducted what we felt to be a thorough inquiry into these charges and were unable to discover any present connections with the Communist party on your part.

The situation in our country is such, however, that any allusion to the left brings forth an emotional response which would seem to indicate that SCLC and the Southern Freedom Movement are Communist inspired. In these critical times we cannot afford to risk any such impressions. We, therefore, have decided in our Administrative Committee, that we should request you to make your temporary resignation permanent.

We certainly appreciate the years of unselfish service which you have put into our New York Office, and regret the necessity of your departure. Certainly, yours is a significant sacrifice commensurate with the sufferings in jail and through loss of jobs under racist intimidation. We all pray for the day when our nation may be truly the land of the free.

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Mr. O'Dell
July 3, 1963
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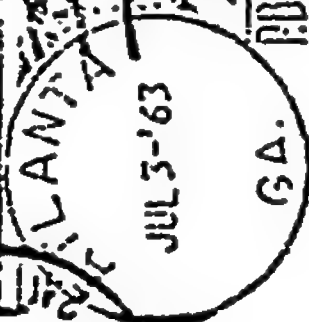
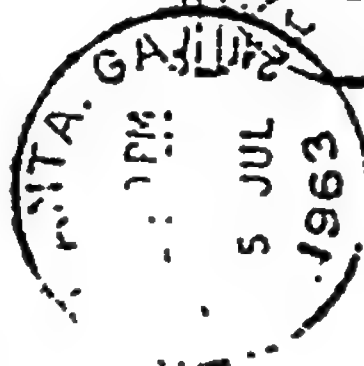
May God bless you and continue to inspire you in the service of
your fellowman.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
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Attorney General Robert Kennedy
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 7, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS

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ON 2-5-00

Martin Luther King, Jr., resides at 563 Johnson Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, and is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The New York office of the SCLC is located at 312 West 125th Street, New York City. He is closely associated with Stanley Levison, a concealed member of the Communist Party, USA. Levison has described King as (a wholehearted Marxist who has studied Marxism, believes in it, agrees with it, but because of his being a minister of religion does not dare to espouse it publicly.) In view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation, it is requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on King at his current address or at any future address to which he may move.

It is further requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the SCLC office at the current New York address or to any other address to which it may be moved.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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The Attorney General was contacted at his request this afternoon. He had before him our memorandum of October 7, 1963, requesting authority for technical surveillances on Martin Luther King at his residence at Atlanta and at the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which he is president, at New York City.

The Attorney General said that he recognized the importance of this coverage if substantial information is to be developed concerning the relationship between King and the Communist Party. He said there was no question in his mind as to the coverage in New York City but that he was worried about the security of an installation covering a residence in Atlanta, Georgia. He noted that the last thing we could afford to have would be a discovery of a wire tap on King's residence.

I pointed out to the Attorney General the fact that a residence was involved did not necessarily mean there was any added risk because of the technical nature of the telephone system. He was informed that the Bureau had had years of experience in this field and that we continually reviewed our procedures to insure that every measure possible to secure such installations was taken. It was nevertheless noted that of necessity we had to deal with established contacts in the telephone company to get the necessary leased lines, but once again we had procedures which minimized the risks to the nth degree.

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After this discussion the Attorney General said he felt we should go ahead with the technical coverage on King on a trial basis, and to continue it if productive results were forthcoming. He said he was certain that all Bureau representatives involved would recognize the delicacy of this particular matter and would thus be even more cautious than ever in this assignment. He asked to be kept advised of any pertinent information developed regarding King's communist connections.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Donohue

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Our memorandum requesting authority for this surveillance was signed by the Attorney General and handed to me. It is attached.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: October 21, 1963

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS

The Attorney General spoke to me with reference to our memorandum of October 18, 1963, recommending a technical surveillance on the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at Atlanta, Georgia. It is noted that last week the Attorney General authorized similar coverage on the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Attorney General is apparently still vacillating in his position as to technical coverage on Martin Luther King and his organization, it being recalled that he had initially suggested such coverage and then changed his mind and felt it might be inadvisable.

The Attorney General said that he is still uncertain in his own mind about this coverage. I reminded him of our previous conversation, wherein he was assured that all possible would be done to insure the security of this operation.

The Attorney General advised that he was approving the October 18, 1963, memorandum but asked that this coverage and that on King's residence be evaluated at the end of 30 days in light of the results secured so that the continuance of these surveillances could be determined at that time. This will be done.

The original of our October 18, 1963, memorandum was handed to me by the Attorney General. It is attached hereto.

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Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: October 25, 1963

FROM : C. A. EVANS

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SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND THE
NEGRO MOVEMENT

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The Attorney General telephoned at approximately 10:15 a.m. He advised that he had tried to call the Director who was temporarily out of the building. The Attorney General stated he had just learned that the Army had received a copy of a report submitted to the Attorney General about the communist activities of Martin Luther King. The Attorney General was referring to the report captioned "Communism and the Negro Movement -- A Current Analysis," dated October 16, 1963. There is no question this is the report to which he is referring, although he persisted on calling it the report on the communist background of Martin Luther King.

The Attorney General said he would like to know what other dissemination was made of this report in addition to the Army and the purpose for such dissemination. He was obviously irritated. He went on to ask if the Army got copies of all reports submitted to him. I told the Attorney General that obviously the Army did not get copies of all reports we sent to him personally, but that there were hundreds of reports that did go to the Army that did not concern matters of sufficient importance to warrant the Attorney General's personal attention. I pointed out to him that we regularly submitted some type of reports in matters of current interest under our Internal Security jurisdiction, and that dissemination of these summaries was made to the military authorities as well as other top governmental officials because of responsibilities they have in this connection.

The Attorney General asked what responsibilities the Army had in relation to the communist background of Martin Luther King. I told the Attorney General the report went beyond this and that the Army had an interest in communist activities particularly in relation to racial matters because the military had to be called on if civil disturbances arising out of such matters went beyond the ability of the civilian authorities.

This explanation seemed to serve no purpose. The Attorney General said he still could not understand why we sent a report to the Army on King's communist activities. He reiterated his request for information as to the dissemination of the report in question and the purpose for it.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach XEROX

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont.
RE: COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO MOVEMENT

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

We are getting together the facts regarding the dissemination of this report and the basis therefor which will be incorporated in a memorandum for the Attorney General.

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[Signature]

*I have talked to A.G.
& he is satisfied.*

[Signature]

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 11-1-63

FROM : C. A. Evans

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
 THE NEGRO MOVEMENT

Assistant Attorney General Marshall was contacted with reference to the letter which had been drafted to Senator Russell for the AG's signature. The undesirable language in this letter referring to sensitive FBI sources was discussed with Marshall. He said that he could see our point but that since this was the AG's letter which had already been discussed with the President, he thought we should go up and see the AG about it.

The AG read the letter with the proposed deletions and said he was not certain that it would accomplish the purpose. He called the President and told him that I had come into his office with Burke Marshall about the letter and objected that it might result in the disclosure of a very valuable Bureau source. He read the revised letter to the President who was not satisfied. The AG and Burke Marshall then redrafted the letter three times. As each draft was completed, the AG telephoned the President and read the proposal to him. None of the drafted letters were apparently acceptable. ~~After~~ the conclusion of the last telephone conversation, The AG said the President had advised that an innocuous letter should be sent to Senator Russell which should be delivered by Assistant AG Marshall and me. At the time the letter was delivered, Marshall was to furnish the Senator orally with the detailed information as to the Department's contacts with Martin Luther King. I was merely to assure the Senator as to the sensitive position of our informant and the fact that information from this informant of a continuing nature was vital to the country's welfare.

After the AG left for Boston, apparently as a result of further instructions from the President, it was decided Deputy AG Katzenbach would be substituted for Burke Marshall as Katzenbach knew the Senator. An appointment with the Senator was made for 5:00 P.M., November 1.

On arrival at Senator Russell's Office, he received us cordially. Katzenbach delivered the letter to him, thereafter, he orally explained the nature of the contacts which the Department had had with King. It was unnecessary for me to say anything other than to confirm Katzenbach's statement about the sensitiveness of our source.

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE NEGRO MOVEMENT

Senator Russell stated that he had ^{NOT} intended to cause an issue over this matter. He pointed out that the "Atlanta Constitution," which he described as a newspaper more liberal than the "Washington Post" and the "New York Times" together, had published an article stating that Hunter Pitts O'Dell to be a communist. The Senator related that he had written a letter to the Director asking him about this. He said all he expected was that the Director just call him on the phone and discuss the matter. Instead, he received a letter from Mr. Hoover (the Senator stressed that he received this letter immediately) in which Mr. Hoover said that he had referred this matter to the AG. Russell went on to say that he waited and waited and did not hear anything from the Department. ~~He then~~ He then got a little angry and dispatched a follow-up communication to the AG asking him whether the AG had severed relations with the ~~Communist Party~~ ^{CONGRESS}. Katzenbach apologized for the delay and noted that obviously the Senator had good cause for complaint. *Handling of this shows wisdom of J.C. from [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]*

Senator Russell said that he did not believe Martin Luther King himself was a communist, but that obviously the Negro Movement was ready made for exploitation by the Communist Party. It was on this basis that he made inquiry to find out whether, in fact, O'Dell is a communist. He indicated complete satisfaction with the explanation given to him by Katzenbach and said he did not intend to make any speech on the Senate Floor about this.

In leaving Senator Russell's Office, he was still in a very friendly mood and joked with Katzenbach about his TV performance in the confrontation with Governor Wallace at the University of Alabama.

It would appear that if the AG had been more prompt in handling Senator Russell's inquiry, this matter would not have been magnified into proportions finally reached.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 31, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans

#MDR 16
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SUBJECT: TESTIMONY CONCERNING
MARTIN LUTHER KING BEFORE THE
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The Attorney General called and stated that during the course of his testimony yesterday on the Justice Department appropriation, he learned that there had been previous testimony before the Committee concerning the subversive affiliations of Martin Luther King. He said something was mentioned about a report having been withdrawn and he asked whether this had anything to do with the report he had discussed with the Bureau some time ago. He wanted to know if there was anything on the record with regard to such testimony.

After checking with Mr. Mohr, the Attorney General was informed that there was absolutely nothing on the record insofar as the Bureau was concerned in regard to this matter. It was pointed out that the House Subcommittee had been concerned about some film which USIA was going to distribute abroad, in which Martin Luther King played a particular part, and because of this the Director had been asked about King's background. The comments in this regard, however, were off the record.

The Attorney General seemed completely satisfied with this, as he said just to forget he ever asked about it.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

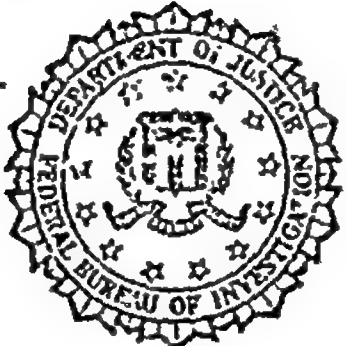
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 23, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
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Director

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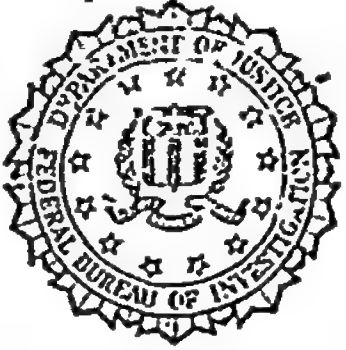
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 25, 1963

FROM : C. A. EVANS

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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The Attorney General orally informed me today that he had been considering the request he made on July 16, 1963, for a technical surveillance on Martin Luther King at his home and office and was now of the opinion that this would be ill advised.

At the time the Attorney General initially asked for such a surveillance, he was told there was considerable doubt that the productivity of the surveillance would be worth the risk because King travels most of the time and that there might be serious repercussions should it ever become known the Government had instituted this coverage. These were the very thoughts that the Attorney General expressed today in withdrawing his request.

With reference to the other technical surveillance requested at the same time, namely, the one on Clarence Benjamin Jones, the Attorney General felt this was in a different category and we should go forward with this coverage. It is noted that this was previously approved in writing by the Attorney General.

The memorandum we sent to the Attorney General on July 23, 1963, requesting authority for the King surveillance has been retrieved and is attached.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

We will take no further action to effect technical coverage on Martin Luther King, either at his home or at his office at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in the absence of a further request from the Attorney General.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Mr. Rosen

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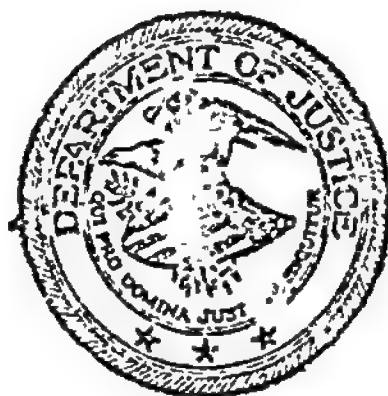
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TO : MR. BELMONT

J U N E

DATE: 7/16/63

FROM : C. A. Evans

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Evans

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS

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The AG was contacted at his request late this afternoon. He said that Clarence Benjamin Jones, a NY attorney who has had close association with Martin Luther King, and with Stanley Levinson (a concealed communist), had been in to see Burke Marshall about the racial situation. According to the AG, Jones had indicated he had some reservations about talking with Levinson on the phone. Marshall thought he might have been referring to a possible telephone tap, and passed it off by telling Jones this was something he would have to take up with Levinson.

The purpose of the AG's contact was that this brought to his attention the possibility of effecting technical coverage on both Jones and Martin Luther King. I told the AG that I was not at all acquainted with Jones, but that, in so far as King was concerned, it was obvious from the reports that he was in a travel status practically all the time, and it was, therefore, doubtful that a technical surveillance on his office or home would be very productive. I also raised the question as to the repercussions if it should ever become known that such a surveillance had been put on King.

The AG said this did not concern him at all; that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation, he thought it advisable to have as complete coverage as possible. I told him, under the circumstances, that we would check into the matter to see if coverage was feasible and, if so, would submit an appropriate recommendation to him.

If you approve, we will have a preliminary survey made to see if technical coverage is feasible with full security.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: July 16, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
SECURITY MATTER - C
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During the testimony of Governor Barnett of Mississippi, he referred to a photograph of Martin Luther King at what was described as a "Communist Training School." This photograph showed King and some other persons identified on the sheet as communists at a school in Tennessee. A review of this photograph by the Bureau determined it undoubtedly was a flier which consists of a picture of a group of individuals seated in an auditorium, one of which was Martin Luther King, and related to a 1957 Labor Day week end seminar at the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, which was attended by King.

At approximately 9:20 a.m. this morning, Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall telephonically contacted my office from the Attorney General's Office and referred to the photograph of Martin Luther King mentioned above. According to Marshall, three individuals identified on the photograph with King are "1. Abner W. Berry, described as being with the Central Committee of the Communist Party, 2. Aubrey Williams, described as President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and 3. Miles Horton, described as Director of the Highlander Folk School."

Mr. Marshall advised that the Attorney General would like to have furnished to him as soon as possible this morning a brief squib on each of the three persons mentioned above. The Attorney General is to leave for testimony before the Interstate Commerce Committee at around 10:15 and would like to have this material by that time.

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If approved, a brief statement concerning each of these individuals will be furnished to the Attorney General's Office as soon as possible.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. McGowan

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See me re what
 was orally furnished
 Marshall

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: August 1, 1963

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The Attorney General asked me to see him this morning. On being contacted he handed me a copy of the report in captioned matter prepared by Special Agent Daniel J. Quigley at New York dated July 22, 1963, classified secret, which had been transmitted to the Records Administration Office of the Department by Form O-6 dated July 29, 1963.

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The Attorney General read the synopsis of the report which is: "Subject described as a confirmed Marxist - Leninist as of June, 1963. Information concerning subject's association during 1962, and 1963, with Stanley Levison and Hunter Pitts O'Dell, described as CP members set forth." The Attorney General also referred to the statement on page two of the report under the heading "Evidence of Communist Party Sympathies; Martin Luther King, Jr. has been described as confirmed Marxist - Leninist. (NY T-1, June, 1963.)"

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The Attorney General stated that if this report got up to the Hill at this time, he would be impeached. He noted that if this report got out, it would be alleged the FBI said King was a confirmed Marxist - Leninist as late as June, 1963. The Attorney General went on to say that the report had been reviewed in detail by Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall who had told him there wasn't anything new here concerning King's alleged communist sympathies but that it was the timing of the report and its possible misuse which concerned him. The Attorney General went on to say that he didn't feel he could fully trust everyone in the Internal Security Division of the Department.

I pointed out to the Attorney General that first of all this report was classified secret and was just a summary report to bring our files and that of the Department's up to date. He said that while this was undoubtedly true, the submission of the report at this time in this form presented definite hazards. He

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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|| therefore asked that the report be resubmitted to him with a cover memorandum setting forth the exact evidence available to support the statement that King has been described as a confirmed Marxist ~~Leninist as of June, 1963.~~

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

The Domestic Intelligence Division has been alerted to the Attorney General's request and is preparing a memorandum to him which will serve as a cover in resubmitting the New York report.

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The Attorney General

July 16, 1963

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Stanley

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MARTIN LUTHER KING
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The following is a brief summary of information in this Bureau's files concerning Abner W. Berry, Aubrey Williams, and Myles Horton:

Abner Winston Berry, a Negro, was born on June 12, 1902, at Beaumont, Texas. He joined the Communist Party in 1929, and from 1930 to 1953 he held high-level positions within the Party. In 1951 he relinquished editorship of the Harlem edition of "The Worker" in order to assume the position of Negro-Affairs Editor of the "Daily Worker." He held this position until the "Daily Worker" ceased operation in January, 1958. In September, 1958, Berry was reported to have left the Party; however, he attended the 17th Communist Party National Convention on December 9 - 12, 1959, at New York City. He resides in Newark, New Jersey, and is currently employed as an editor by the Antara Indonesian News Agency, with offices in the United Nations Building, New York City. This agency publishes a daily bulletin which has been described as an Indonesian propaganda outlet owned and operated by the Government of Indonesia; however, investigation indicates it actually appears to be a privately owned firm with no subsidization by the Indonesian Government. Upon being interviewed on three occasions by Special Agents of the FBI, Berry has refused to cooperate, indicating that he had severed his connections with the Communist Party because it became a futile organization.

Aubrey Willis Williams is Chairman of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee; cited as an organization set up to lead against the Communist Party's "operation abolition" campaign. This committee was organized by Williams and Frank Wilkinson, an individual with a known and admitted past Communist Party membership. Over the years Williams has spoken before, and supported, a number of left-wing and communist-led groups, although he has publicly,

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McGowan
NOTE: Information obtained from memo Jones to DeLoach, 7/16/63, captioned "Abner Winston Berry, Myles Horton, Aubrey Willis Williams." See Evans Belmont memo 7/16/63, same caption, CHS:rap.

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and in appearances before Senate investigating committees, disclaimed any connection with, or knowledge of, the Communist Party. He has worked energetically to discredit the FBI and the Director. As of July, 1961, Williams was President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, previously known as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, cited as a communist front. A listing of the officers of the Southern Conference Educational Fund dated in January, 1963, indicates Williams is now president emeritus of this organization. According to a confidential informant, in June of 1956, during the time the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was in existence, Communist Party members were affiliated with it and worked actively in it. Since the formation of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, rank and file Party members have not been encouraged to work in it; however, certain Party members in the New Orleans area had been assigned to participate in the organization to further communist principles.

On June 20, 1963, Myles Horton identified himself to the FBI as Director of the Highlander Research and Education Center of Knoxville, Tennessee. This is the successor to the Highlander Folk School, originally at Monteagle, Tennessee, of which Horton was also the director. The latter school was supported primarily by donations from individuals and labor unions and it offered courses of instruction in labor organization, social economics and the general field of labor education. It was known to have Communist Party members on its staff and it followed the practice of securing communists as students. However, according to information received, it was never known to have offered courses of instructions in communism, nor was the Party known to have succeeded in gaining control of the school. There were many allegations that it represented the headquarters for communism in eastern Tennessee; however, these claims were never substantiated. The Tennessee Courts revoked the Highlander Folk School's charter on the grounds that it violated the criminal laws of the state. A state charter for the Knoxville school was issued on August 23, 1931.

On April 21, 1942, a confidential informant advised that Myles Horton was a speaker before the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. On April 19, 1949, Paul Crouch, a self-admitted former Communist Party member, described Horton as

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a left-wing socialist who was always close to the Communist Party, meeting with officials and representatives to discuss policy and procedure during the period from 1939 to 1941. This informant also described Horton's wife, Zylphia, as being even closer to the Party in 1941. Another confidential informant advised this Bureau in 1950 that Horton continued to follow the Communist Party line during the period 1947 to 1950 and that he associated with known Party members. This informant doubted that Horton was actually a Communist Party member. In 1950 and 1951 a third confidential informant, who is a former member of the Party, advised that Horton was not a member even though he had close association with Party members. He stated Horton had been criticized by the Party members as an opportunist who used the Party for his own purposes.

Horton was reported to be listed as one of the speakers for a "Bill of Rights Dinner" which was to be sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee on December 15, 1959.

The above confirms information furnished to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall on the morning of July 16, 1963.

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

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Baldwin Article in the New York Times 7-26-62

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. BELMONT

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MR. DE LOACH

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The Attorney General called and stated he had just talked to Secretary of Defense McNamara and in connection therewith he, the Attorney General, did not know if I had had a chance to read the New York Times article by Hansen Baldwin (phonetic). The Attorney General stated this is most unfortunate in that it gives some information regarding the intelligence we have now on the missile sites of the Soviet Union and the sources for that intelligence. The Attorney General stated this was a very closely held paper within the Government and the President spoke specifically about it at the last National Security Council meeting where they had planned to distribute a number of the copies and the President limited the number drastically so it was closely watched and despite that, it came out in the New York Times. (S)

The Attorney General stated the President is anxious and the Secretary of Defense is anxious, as is he, the Attorney General, to see if once again we can do anything with this and he, the Attorney General, would like to have me assign somebody to look into it. I stated I would get somebody to start on it right away and upon inquiry, the Attorney General stated General Joseph Carroll has the facts and information and somebody can get in touch with him. I told the Attorney General I would get on it right away.

Very truly yours,

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The Attorney General 1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. D.E. Moore July 27, 1962
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Director, FBI

ARTICLE BY HANSON W. BALDWIN
IN "THE NEW YORK TIMES"
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Immediately following your advice to me on the
afternoon of July 26, 1962, that inquiry was desired in an
attempt to determine the source from which Hanson Baldwin
secured the information used in the preparation of his article
(6) [on Soviet missile sites] representatives of this Bureau called
on General Joseph Carroll of the Department of Defense for
facts and information pertinent to the inquiry.

Interviews with General Carroll and other Department
of Defense officials and interviews with officials of the
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) have indicated that material
which could have been utilized by Baldwin in preparing his
article was published as early as the first part of June, 1962.
This material was published in the form of drafts which
culminated in the production of National Intelligence Estimate
(NIE) 11-8-62 which was used to brief the National Security
Council on July 9 and 10, 1962. Approximately 71 copies of
this Estimate were disseminated originally; however, at the
President's instructions all were recalled and dissemination
was limited to approximately 38 copies. (KS)

According to CIA officials, there were approximately
40 to 50 people present at the National Security Council briefings
and, at the conclusion of the briefing, the President instructed
that a study be made of the political and military implications
of the information in the Estimate. (KS)

Copies of NIE 11-8-62, numbering approximately 38, were
redissemated on July 16 and 17, 1962. However, it should be
noted that as a result of previous drafts, previous dissemination,
briefings, etc., CIA officials estimate that between three and
four hundred persons had knowledge of the information which was
contained in this Estimate. (KS)

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Director McCone of CIA advised on the afternoon of July 23, 1962, that CIA was making an analysis of the Baldwin article to determine what information was classified and whether the information could be traced to a particular document or documents. This analysis was made available to us today and indicates that the classified intelligence in Baldwin's article "clearly appears to be based on information from NIE 11-3-62." The CIA analysis further reflects that Baldwin arrived in Washington, D. C., on Monday, July 16, 1962, and reportedly spent July 17 and 18, 1962, at the Pentagon as he was seen a number of times in different parts of the Pentagon. He departed Washington for New York at 8 a.m., July 20, 1962. CIA has advised that Baldwin did not talk to anyone at CIA although he attempted to arrange an interview with Director McCone. (KS)

CIA notes that the phraseology and other clues contained in Baldwin's article point to the probability that Baldwin received a general, non-technical, briefing or review of the conclusions reached in the National Intelligence Estimate and their implications. CIA also notes that the release of NIE 11-3-62 on July 16 took place on the day Baldwin arrived in Washington. It was during this same week that various drafts and working papers were prepared and circulated on this subject matter in carrying out the President's instructions to conduct a study of the political and military implications of NIE 11-3-62. (KS)

I wish to advise you that 12 Agents of this Bureau were immediately assigned to make this inquiry and have undergone the briefings insisted upon for clearance purposes. We have requested the Department of Defense to furnish us a complete list of all personnel in the Department visited by Baldwin during the week of July 16, 1962. We intend to interview each of these individuals thoroughly in an attempt to determine whether information was furnished to Baldwin on this matter. In addition, we are determining where Baldwin stayed while in Washington for the purpose of checking any available sources as to telephone calls or personal contacts.

In accordance with our discussion today, technical coverage will be effective on Baldwin on the morning of July 23, 1962, at his residence in New York. In addition, we have learned that Baldwin normally utilizes Laura M. Waltz of

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The New York Times Washington office as his secretary to arrange appointments when he comes to Washington. Consequently, we have placed technical coverage on her residence and intend to interview her and request a list of persons contacted by Baldwin during his recent trip to Washington.

While we are concentrating immediately on obtaining a list of persons contacted by Baldwin and interviewing them, we have also requested from CIA a full list of the documents, including drafts which contain the information in question, to which a list of persons to whom these documents were disseminated. Of course, to secure the names of all persons having access to these documents it will be necessary to conduct inquiry at each agency where the document was disseminated. Such a check will undoubtedly reflect that hundreds of persons had access to the information. (S)

I have instructed that this matter be given continuous, aggressive attention. You will be advised of further developments.

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TO : MR. SULLIVAN *JUNE* DATE: 7/27/62

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Wannall
 Mr. J.D. Donohue

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
 ① Leak of Classified Information in
Hanson & Baldwin article
in "The New York Times" - 7/26/62

The Director advised today that he had talked to the AG regarding the desirability of a technical surveillance on the home of Hanson Baldwin, who prepared the article involved in this case. The Director advised that the AG had approved the installation of a technical surveillance on Baldwin by the Bureau, at his residence in New York. Appropriate steps were immediately taken to have New York install this surveillance.

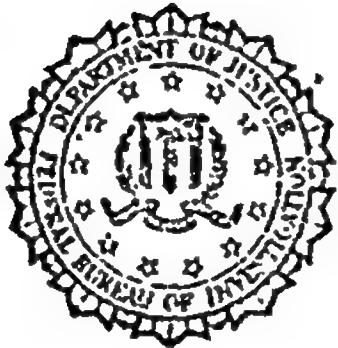
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

June

July 31, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: ARTICLE BY HANSON W. BALDWIN
IN "THE NEW YORK TIMES,"
JULY 26, 1962
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ON 12-10-96

In connection with your request for an investigation of the unauthorized disclosure of classified information in the captioned article, surveys have indicated that technical surveillances on Hanson W. Baldwin, 39 Lorton Place, Chappaqua, Westchester County, New York, and on Laura M. Waltz, 2700 Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., can be made with security. Baldwin is a correspondent for "The New York Times" and Waltz is a secretary in the Washington, D. C., Bureau of this newspaper. She reportedly makes appointments for Baldwin in Washington, D. C. Accordingly, your authority is hereby requested for technical surveillances on their current addresses as well as on other addresses to which they may move in the future.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

APPROVED *[Signature]*

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 2, 1962

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: ARTICLE BY HANSON W. BALDWIN
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The Attorney General advised that he had called for the Director earlier this morning, it having slipped his mind that the Director was out of the city. The Attorney General is fully aware that the Director is available by telephone. He indicated that in view of the time differential of the West Coast, he would not call him on the telephone but asked that the following information be passed on to Mr. Hoover.

The Attorney General said the President did not want to accept just the evaluation of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Department as to the seriousness of the disclosures in the Baldwin story. Accordingly, the President asked for an independent evaluation of this matter by the Killian Committee (James R. Killian is Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.) The Attorney General said he had been informed telephonically as to Killian's report to the President in this regard and he thought the Director would be interested in it.

The Killian report characterized the Baldwin disclosure as being the most damaging security breach in its experience, that it is bound to result in a diminution of our "intelligence take" as to Soviet missile plans. The report further classified this Baldwin disclosure as a tragic breach of security. It continued by indicating it was incomprehensible that Baldwin would write such a story and that the editors of the "New York Times" would publish it. This indicated that the only result can be a quick and further concealment of missile plans by the Soviets and hamper our plans to develop information in this regard. (S)

The Attorney General commented that in view of this evaluation by the Killian Committee, any complaints about our interviewing a stenographer employed by the "New York Times" at her home at 6:30 or 7:00 in the evening 1962 certainly seemed ridiculous.

The Attorney General was informed that this information would, of course, be made promptly available to the Director.

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TO : W. C. Sullivan 114 DATE: 8/13/62

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FROM : W. R. Wannall

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In connection with this investigation we instituted technical surveillances on the residences of Laura M. Waltz, Washington, D. C., employee of the captioned newspaper on 7/27/62 and on Baldwin, Chappaqua, New York, on 7/28/62. Pertinent information was obtained from these tesurs during the following week; however, recently nothing pertinent has been reported.

We are continuing interviews in this case at least through 8/17/62 and a report of investigation is expected on 8/20. It is felt that tesur on Baldwin may furnish some pertinent information as a result of our investigation, and something of value may be realized after our report is disseminated to the White House and the Attorney General. It is felt, therefore, that the tesur on Baldwin should be continued.

Waltz is a stenographer at the Washington Office of the "Times" and not a key figure in the investigation. It is unlikely that any information will be obtained from the tesur on her in the future and it is felt this tesur should be discontinued on 8/15/62.

ACTION:

If you approve, WFO will be instructed to discontinue the tesur on Waltz as of midnight 8/15/62 and we will continue the tesur on Baldwin.

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The Attorney General

August 31, 1962

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Reference is made to our letter dated August 21, 1962, enclosing a memorandum dated August 15, 1962, which set forth the results of our investigation in this matter.

There is enclosed a memorandum dated August 30, 1962, setting forth the results of six additional interviews. The source not identified by name in the enclosed memorandum has furnished reliable information in the past. Your attention is specifically called to the interview of Captain [Turner E. Caldwell, Jr.], United States Navy, appearing on pages 1 and 2. Captain [Caldwell] is of the personal opinion that Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell L. Gilpatric furnished the information for the July 26 article to Baldwin.

We do not contemplate conducting any additional interviews in this matter in the absence of a specific request.

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

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In connection with our investigation of the leak of classified information in the captioned article, we instituted a technical surveillance on the residence of Baldwin in Chappaqua, New York, on 7/28/62. We have received some pertinent information from this tesur; however, nothing of value has been reported since 8/17/62.

We disseminated our report in this case to the Attorney General, the White House and the Secretary of Defense by letter dated 8/21/62. This report included all but a few of the interviews we planned to conduct in this case. Another report will be forthcoming on or about 8/30/62 and it will be immediately disseminated to the aforementioned. This report will contain results of interviews with five other individuals who were unavailable for interview until this week. It is not anticipated that these interviews will be fruitful or result in information of value being obtained through the tesur. We will then have completed investigation in this matter.

Since we have received nothing of pertinence from the tesur recently and since our case is coming to a close, it does not appear that any information will be obtained from the tesur in the future.

ACTION:

If you approve, New York will be instructed to discontinue the tesur on Baldwin as of midnight 8/29/62.

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